

4723-27-01 Definitions

As used in this chapter:

- A) “Active certificate” means the certificate held by an individual who has fulfilled all the requirements of the board for initial certification or for certification renewal.
- B) “Approved drug” means a drug approved by the federal food and drug administration (FDA).
- C) “As-needed” medications means any medication that is not scheduled to be administered at a routine time, but is given in response to a resident’s complaint or expression of discomfort or other indication a specified condition.
- D) “Board” means the Ohio board of nursing.
- E) “Board approved examination” means the written examination and clinical skills examination offered by a testing organization approved by the board.
- F) “Certificate” means the certificate issued to a medication aide by the board in accordance with section 4723.651 of the Revised Code.
- G) “Certified medication aide” means a person who holds a current, valid certificate as a medication aide issued by the board of nursing under section 4723.651 of the Revised Code.
- H) “Contact hour” means fifty to sixty minutes of continuing education.
- I) "Curriculum" means the standard minimum curriculum to be used in a board-approved training program for medication aides in accordance with rule 4723-27-08 of the Administrative Code.
- J) “Delegation” means the transfer of responsibility for the administration of prescription medication from a registered nurse, or a licensed practical nurse acting at the direction of a registered nurse, to a certified medication aide.
- K) “Didactic” means the component of an educational program that includes lecture, verbal instruction, or other means of exchanging theoretical information between instructor and students, typically in a classroom setting.
- L) “Direction” means communicating a plan of care to a licensed practical nurse. Direction by a registered nurse is not meant to imply the registered nurse is supervising the licensed practical nurse in an employment context.
- M) “Gastrostomy tube” is a percutaneously inserted catheter that terminates in the stomach.

- N) "Inactive certificate" means the status of the certificate of an individual who has made a request in writing that the board place the certificate on inactive status and who has returned the certificate to the board. An individual with an inactive certificate does not hold a current, valid certificate.
- O) "Jejunostomy tube" is a percutaneously inserted catheter that terminates in the jejunum.
- P) "Laboratory experience" is a component of classroom instruction consisting of a simulated clinical experience, in which the student is provided the opportunity to practice skills in the administration of medication while observed by a nurse.
- Q) "Lapsed certificate" status indicates a certified medication aide has failed to fulfill all requirements of certificate renewal and has not requested that the board place the certificate on inactive status.
- R) "Licensed practical nurse" or "L.P.N." means an individual who holds a current, valid license issued under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code that authorizes the practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse.
- S) "Medication" means a drug as defined in division (E) of section 4729.01 of the Revised Code.
- T) "Medication aide training program" means the formal program of study approved by the board and required for certification as a medication aide in accordance with sections 4723.61 to 4723.69 of the Revised Code and this chapter.
- U) "Medication error" means a failure to follow the prescriber's instructions when administering a prescription medication, including:
- (1) Administration of an outdated medication;
 - (2) Administration of the wrong medication;
 - (3) Administration of the wrong dose of a medication;
 - (4) Failure to administer the medication as ordered;
 - (5) Administration of the medication by the wrong route;
 - (6) Administration of the medication to the wrong resident;
 - (7) Failure to prepare, store, or administer a medication in accordance with instructions of the manufacturer or the pharmacist;
 - (8) Administration of medication without nurse delegation or not in accordance with nurse delegation;

- (9) Administration of medication using the wrong technique or method.
- V) "Nasogastric tube" means a tube that is passed through the nose and down through the nasopharynx and esophagus into the stomach.
- W) "Nurse" means a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse.
- X) "Nursing home" means a home as defined by division (A)(6) of section 3721.01 of the Revised Code.
- Y) "Nursing home administrator" means the individual, licensed under Chapter 4751. of the Revised Code, who is responsible for planning, organizing, directing, and managing the operation of a nursing home.
- Z) "Oral gastric tube" means a tube that is passed through the mouth and down through the nasopharynx and esophagus into the stomach.
- AA) "Oral medication" means any medication that is prescribed to be taken by mouth.
- BB) "Pediatric" means a resident under 18 years of age.
- CC) "Pharmacist" means an individual licensed under Chapter 4729. of the Revised Code to practice pharmacy.
- DD) "Physician" means an individual licensed under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatry.
- EE) "Pilot program" means the pilot program authorized by section 4723.63 of the Revised Code for the use of certified medication aides in participating nursing homes and residential care facilities.
- FF) "Professional boundaries" means the limits of the professional relationship that allow for a safe therapeutic relationship between the resident and the certified medication aide.
- GG) "Prescriber" has the same meaning as in division (I) of section 4729.01 of the Revised Code.
- HH) "Prescription" means a written, electronic, or oral order, issued by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs, for any drug, including an over the counter drug, to be used by a particular resident.
- II) "Rectal medication" is any medication that is prescribed to be administered by rectal insertion.

- JJ) “Registered nurse” or “R.N.” means an individual who holds a current, valid license issued under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code that authorizes the practice of nursing as a registered nurse.
- KK) “Representative of the board” means an employee or member of the board, or another individual designated by the board to act on its behalf.
- LL) “Resident” means an individual who lives in, and receives services from, a nursing home or residential care facility.
- MM) “Residential care facility” means a home as defined by division (A)(7) of section 3721.01 of the Revised Code.
- NN) “Residential care facility administrator” means the person responsible for the daily operation of a residential care facility.
- OO) “Revocation of a certificate” means the certificate originally held by a certified medication aide has been permanently declared null and void by disciplinary action taken by the board in accordance with Chapters 4723. and 119. of the Revised Code.
- PP) “Site visit” means an announced or unannounced visit to a medication aide training program by a representative of the board to determine whether the program meets or maintains the minimum standards required by the board.
- QQ) “Successful completion of a medication aide training program” means that a student has satisfactorily completed a board approved training program as set forth in rule 4723-27-08, and has passed a board approved examination.
- RR) “Supervised clinical practice” means a task or activity planned to provide medication aide students with the opportunity to administer prescription medications in a nursing home or residential care facility setting in which the student is supervised by a nurse as part of a medication aide training program approved by the board under section 4723.66 of the Revised Code and this chapter.
- SS) “Telecommunication” means the process of transmitting or receiving information over a distance by any electronic or electromagnetic medium. Information may take the form of voice, video, or data.
- TT) “Topical medication” means any prescribed medication that is applied to intact skin.
- UU) “Standard blood and bodily fluid precaution” means practices used to minimize exposure to disease causing agents.
- VV) “Vaginal medication” is any medication that is prescribed to be administered by vaginal insertion.